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<b>Office Action Summary</b>	Application No. 10/763,880	Applicant(s) SUNDMAN ET AL.	
	Examiner Cheryl Lewis	Art Unit 2167	

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**Period for Reply**

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**Status**

- 1) ☒ Responsive to communication(s) filed on 23 January 2004.
- 2a) ☐ This action is FINAL.                      2b) ☒ This action is non-final.
- 3) ☐ Since this application is in condition for allowance except for formal matters, prosecution as to the merits is closed in accordance with the practice under *Ex parte Quayle*, 1935 C.D. 11, 453 O.G. 213.

**Disposition of Claims**

- 4) ☒ Claim(s) 1-33 is/are pending in the application.
- 4a) Of the above claim(s) \_\_\_\_\_ is/are withdrawn from consideration.
- 5) ☒ Claim(s) 19-27 is/are allowed.
- 6) ☒ Claim(s) 1-18 and 28-33 is/are rejected.
- 7) ☐ Claim(s) \_\_\_\_\_ is/are objected to.
- 8) ☐ Claim(s) \_\_\_\_\_ are subject to restriction and/or election requirement.

**Application Papers**

- 9) ☐ The specification is objected to by the Examiner.
- 10) ☐ The drawing(s) filed on \_\_\_\_\_ is/are: a) ☐ accepted or b) ☐ objected to by the Examiner.  
     Applicant may not request that any objection to the drawing(s) be held in abeyance. See 37 CFR 1.85(a).  
     Replacement drawing sheet(s) including the correction is required if the drawing(s) is objected to. See 37 CFR 1.121(d).
- 11) ☐ The oath or declaration is objected to by the Examiner. Note the attached Office Action or form PTO-152.

**Priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119**

- 12) ☐ Acknowledgment is made of a claim for foreign priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(a)-(d) or (f).
- a) ☐ All    b) ☐ Some \* c) ☐ None of:
1. ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received.
2. ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received in Application No. \_\_\_\_\_.
3. ☐ Copies of the certified copies of the priority documents have been received in this National Stage application from the International Bureau (PCT Rule 17.2(a)).

\* See the attached detailed Office action for a list of the certified copies not received.

**Attachment(s)**

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| 1) <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Notice of References Cited (PTO-892)                                                                | 4) <input type="checkbox"/> Interview Summary (PTO-413)<br>Paper No(s)/Mail Date. _____ |
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### **DETAILED ACTION**

1. Claims 1-33 are presented for examination.

#### ***Allowable Subject Matter***

2. Claims 19-27 are allowed.

#### ***Claim Rejections - 35 USC § 102***

3. The following is a quotation of the appropriate paragraphs of 35 U.S.C. 102 that form the basis for the rejections under this section made in this Office action:

A person shall be entitled to a patent unless –

(b) the invention was patented or described in a printed publication in this or a foreign country or in public use or on sale in this country, more than one year prior to the date of application for patent in the United States.

4. Claims 1- 18 and 28-33 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 102(b) as being anticipated by Billmers (Pat. No. 6,226,630, filed July 22, 1998).

5. Regarding Claims 1, 28, and 31, Billmers teaches a method and apparatus for filtering incoming information using a search engine and stored queries defining user folders.

The method and associated system for filtering incoming information using a search engine and stored queries defining user folders as taught or suggested by Billmers includes:

Receiving a template data access query from a first user (col. 3, lines 35-67, col. 4, lines 1-67, col. 5, lines 1-67, col. 6, lines 1-67); presenting to a second user a layout of a data presentation and one or more preliminary filters from a set of preliminary filters created based on a plurality of database data elements that are to be accessed according to the template data access query (col. 3, lines 35-67, col. 4, lines 1-67, col. 5, lines 1-67, col. 6, lines 1-67); creating final filters using filter parameters specified by the second user for the one or more preliminary filters (col. 3, lines 35-67, col. 4, lines 1-67, col. 5, lines 1-67, col. 6, lines 1-67), the final filters restricting content to be retrieved from a database for the data presentation (col. 3, lines 35-67, col. 4, lines 1-67, col. 5, lines 1-67, col. 6, lines 1-67); and building the data presentation with the content retrieved from the database using the final filters (col. 3, lines 35-67, col. 4, lines 1-67, col. 5, lines 1-67, col. 6, lines 1-67).

6. Regarding Claim 2, Billmers teaches the first user is familiar with a data model of the database and the second user is not familiar with the data model (col. 3, lines 35-67, col. 4, lines 1-67, col. 5, lines 1-67, col. 6, lines 1-67).

7. Regarding Claim 3, Billmers teaches a structured query language statement (col. 3, lines 35-67, col. 4, lines 1-67, col. 5, lines 1-67, col. 6, lines 1-67).

8. Regarding Claim 4, Billmers teaches SQL statement containing the WHERE clause with the final filters (col. 3, lines 35-67, col. 4, lines 1-67, col. 5, lines 1-67, col. 6, lines 1-67).

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9. Regarding Claims 5-18, 29, 30, 32, and 33, the limitations of these claims have been noted in the rejections of claims 1-4, 28, and 31 presented above. They are therefore rejected as set forth above.

#### **NAME OF CONTACT**

10. Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to Cheryl Lewis whose telephone number is (571) 272-4113. The examiner can normally be reached on 6:30-3:00.

If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, John Cottingham can be reached on (571) 272-7079. The fax phone number for the organization where this application or proceeding is assigned is (571) 273-8300.

(571) 273-4113 (Use this FAX #, only after approval by Examiner, for "INFORMAL" or "DRAFT" communication. Examiners may request that a formal paper/amendment be faxed directly to them on occasions.).

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A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Cheryl Lewis". The signature is fluid and cursive, with the first name "Cheryl" and last name "Lewis" clearly distinguishable.

Cheryl Lewis  
Patent Examiner  
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